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Printer's Error.

There are lots of "smart Alecks," who think it is one of the cunningest things in the world to light upon an error in print and to blazon it to all whom they meet. It is not an uncommon thing, either, for publishers of newspapers to receive marked copies of their journals, where every error is pointed out by some fellow who has taken time to read them over two or three times to make sure that he has not missed any; and perhaps these copies will be accompanied by a letter asking for a situation as proof-reader. The following from the London *Printing Times and Lithographer*, may be of interest to those individuals who are so anxious to find an error in print:

"Probably one of the worst businesses under the sun is that of a printer. His every deed seeks the light of day. Those of the lawyer lie in dark boxes and between dusty shelves—the doctor places his indifferent handwork in the earth—the tradesman has but his customer to please, and satisfying him, his work is ended. But the printer—every ignoramus spells over the work of the printer. Fellows who would find it impossible to put twenty letters together grammatically, will point out with glee a fault in his work—indeed it is usually this class of individuals who make it a point of finding out every little discrepancy. Did the public know the thousands of different characters, different letters and atoms comprised in a printer's every-day life—did they but know the variety of altogether foreign subjects he has to set up, read, correct and revise day after day—they would wonder how he kept out of the lunatic asylum. But practice makes perfect, and constant friction has rubbed off all the rough edges from the character of the man of letters—nothing takes effect upon him—he can view errors of the most frightful description with calmness. After all, what is an error, grammatical or otherwise? Simply a many types out of place, that's all, and quite enough, but not enough to upset the equilibrium of the printer."—[Chicago Specimen.]

The Washington Evening Star says: "Does the Congressional Record record, if not what is the use of printing it, under pretense that it is an official transcript of the proceedings of Congress? There is not a word in to-day's issue of that publication to show that there occurred in the House of Representatives last night a scene which no one can fail to pronounce disgraceful in the extreme. Such was the unpleasant truth; yet, to read the official proceedings, as printed in the Record, one would suppose that all the members had behaved with the utmost dignity and decorum. Its reports of the Senate proceedings are no better. A few days ago two members of that body exchanged opinions reverse of complimentary, but their remarks, although uttered in loud and threatening tones, apparently failed to reach the ears of the official reporters, as their report gave not the slightest sign of what occurred. If it were not for the daily papers, the country would get but an imperfect, and indeed false, idea of what actually occurs in Congress."

The physicians in one of the hospitals of Vienna have made the remarkable discovery in dissecting the body of one of their patients, that he had carried about in his brain an iron nail covered with rust, that to all appearances must have held its singular lodgment since early childhood. The man was 45 years of age, a bookbinder, and always passed for a thoroughly intelligent person. The nail in his brain did not seem to affect his mental powers in any particular. There is probably no case on record to parallel this.

Said an intelligent ex-citizen of England to a friend the other day: "You paid about \$15 for the coat you are wearing?" Being answered in the affirmative, the Englishman said: "You could buy it in England for 15 to 20 shillings, but were you there you would probably not have the shillings."—[Chattanooga Times.]

A Telegraphic Feat.

Under the head of interesting telegraphy, the San Francisco *Exchange* referred some days ago to a wonderful feat that took place between Boston and Guaymas, over a circuit of 3,500 miles. A still more wonderful feat was performed between this city and Valencia Bay, Ireland, a few years ago. A continuous circuit was made up between San Francisco and Heart's Content (about 4,500 miles), the cable landing on the American side. As a very delicate instrument is used to telegraph through the cable, this circuit could not be used beyond the end of the cable; but a conversation was held between the operator at the instrument in San Francisco, and the one at Heart's Content, and then a request made to see how soon a reply could be had from Ireland. The message sent from here was as follows: "To operator, Valencia Bay—Ten o'clock here; what time is it with you?" The reply came almost instantly as follows: "Six o'clock in the morning, and the maids are milking cows." From the time the message was started from the operator here, until the reply was received, did not exceed three minutes. The above extraordinary feat took place under the immediate direction of Mr. Jas. Gamble, who vouches for the correctness of the above. The distance to Valencia Bay and back makes about 18,000 miles. The difference in time between San Francisco and London is about 8 hours.

Advice to a Boy.

Get away from the crowd a little while every day, my boy. Stand one side and let the world run by while you get acquainted with yourself; and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself; find out all you can about yourself. Ascertain from original sources if you are really the manner of man people say you are; find out if you are always honest; if you always tell the square, perfect truth in business deals; if your life is as good and upright as it is at night; if it is at noon; if you are as sound a temperance man on fishing expeditions as you are at a Sunday-school picnic; if you are as good a boy when you go to Chicago as you are at home; if, in short, you really are the sort of young man your father hopes you are, your mother says you are and your sweet heart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and, believe me, every time you come out from one of those private interviews you will be a stronger, better, purer man. Don't forget this, Telemachus, and it will do you good.—[Burlington Hawkeye.]

Bub thus apostrophizes the rabbit: "The rabbit winks with his nose as sometimes he does it with such effect that the eke ager takes a little tale here got left. Rabbits has got other funny traits besides, because here got knee on his hind legs that reach from his toes to his elbow as he sets on 'em more'n he does on the further end of 'em. His ears is stiff as of his belongin' to the jackass family, an' wen he sticks 'em up the stars begin ter git nervous an' move out ther way. Rabbits wares furs all the hull year an' wen they walk yude think the behind part of 'im wuz harder ter lift 'an a burrow, but wen you tetch 'im off a litten bug coodent ketch 'im of yude giv 'im to daze start. Rabbits is giv 'im to daze start. If thare wimmin round yu mustn't menshin anything 'bout cats wile the bankwet is goin' on."

No words can express how much the world owes to sorrow. Most of the Palms were born in a wilderness. Most of the epistles were written in a prison. The greatest thoughts of the greatest thinkers have all passed thro' fire. The greatest poets have "learned in suffering what they taught in song." In bonds Bunyan lived the allegory that he afterward edited, and we may thank Bedford Jail for the "Pilgrim's Progress." Take comfort afflicted Christians! When God is about to make pre-eminent use of a man, he puts him in a fire.—[Unfiled Presbyterian.]

Although Kansas has for 14 years had capital punishment law, nobody has been hanged except by lynchers. Under the statute a person under the sentence of death is first imprisoned a year in the penitentiary, and if, at the expiration of that time, the death warrant is signed by the Governor, the execution takes place; but otherwise the imprisonment continues.

Abel Winkfield, Louisville, says: "I was nearly dead from a broken-down constitution. Brown's Iron Bitters restored me to good health."

Salafy.

Salafy, often called vegetable asparagus, is rarely grown to perfection. Its cultivation is precisely the same as for parsnips. Joseph Harris states that the seed may be sown as early in the spring as the ground is in good working condition, or it may be sown as late as the first week in June with fair results. As a rule, the early sowing is most desirable. The land is better if prepared in the autumn, and it cannot be made too deep, or too rich and mellow. It should be sown in rows twenty inches apart. The seed is long and slim, and few drills will sow it evenly without wasting the seed, hence it is better to sow it by hand, dropping about two seeds to an inch of row, and covering half an inch deep. If the weather be dry and the soil very light, it may be covered an inch or an inch and a half. In dry weather it is desirable to roll the soil after sowing. As soon as the plants appear, hoe lightly on each side of the row, and a few days later run the horse-hoe or cultivator between the rows. Suffer not a weed to grow, and ultimately thin out the plants, leaving them four to six inches apart.

STRENGTH OF PAPER.—One of the most remarkable things about paper is its strength. As an illustration of this, a note on the Bank of England twisted into a kind of rope, can suspend as much as 329 pounds upon one end of it and not be injured in the least. There is an article made of paper in the shape of a small kitchen or house truck on wheels used for wheeling loads around the house. The sides and bottom of this are made of finely compressed paper and it is capable of bearing a weight of five tons. There are bath-tubs and pots made in the same manner, by compressing the paper made out of linen fibers, which is painted over with a composition which becomes part of the paper and is fire-proof. The tubs never leak, or may be put on fires and will not burn. It is almost impossible to break them, as you can beat on them with a hammer and not injure them in the least.

It is said that, "as a rule, the majority of farmers sow seed too deep. Small seeds need just enough covering to give them moisture and darkness. The soil should be pressed on fine seed only enough to exclude the light. Especially should this be done very carefully where seeds are sown immediately before a rain. Many seeds are lost and the reputation of a good, honest seedsmen ruined in the estimation of individuals because few seeds are sown too deep and the soil is pressed over much hard upon them. A large number of farmers hasten to sow seeds early; they do not wait for the ground to get sufficiently dry and warm. It is impossible to give general directions that will apply to all cases, but, as a rule, the smaller the seed the lighter should be the covering, and the finer the soil in which they are sown."

The stable of a Paterson grocer is two blocks from his grocery. His horse is always hitched at the store at noon, and allowed to go to the stable to feed. Afterward, when the stable-door is opened, the horse always walks, of his own accord, back to the wagon in front of the grocery. Recently, while taking this walk, he slipped on the ice, and threw a shoe. Instead of going to the store, it is said, he turned and went to a blacksmith's shop, where he was found waiting his turn.

A keen student of human nature must have written the following: "When you see a young man sailing down street shortly after midnight, with collar mashed down his neck, you can make up your mind there's a young girl crawling up stairs not far distant, with her shoes under her arm and an extinguished lamp in her hands."

Journalism can not be taken up as a pastime of an idle hour, or as a special means of gain, or as a stepping stone to other literary work, and made a complete success. It requires a laborious apprenticeship; a special skill, the result of training and a single-minded devotion, to the exclusion of other fields of labor.—[Providence Journal.]

"Dear Mr. Jones," said a woman, "you remind me of a barometer that is filled with nothing in the upper story." "Civine Amelia Brown," said he, "you occupy my upper story."

Z. A. Pelton, Louisville, says: "Reduced to a condition of debility by diarrhoea, Brown's Iron Bitters completely cured me."

Like as a Father.

These are the sweetest and kindest words, it seems to us which have ever fallen from the lips of God upon the listening ears of sinful and sorrowing men. Even those passages in the New Testament, which set forth God's love to man in the gift of His son to die for him, do not express nearly so much as this. They are partial and incomplete. They touch but a single outflow of that divine tenderness of which these words unseal the fountain. They are kind with an infinite goodness. They are tender with an illimitable yearning. They are caressing with an ineffable sweetness. They lay bare, to the eyes of his wretched children, the paternal heart of their divine Father. With more of balm than the mother's kiss on the fevered brow of her suffering child, they fall upon our sad and sullen and doubting hearts, and melt them to penitence and prayer. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him; for He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust."

GREELEY'S WRITING.—A man in Lawrence offered a prize to any one who would decipher a note in his possession written by Horace Greeley. Several persons tackled the chirography, which looked like a quotation from a Chinese paper run through a sausage cutter. One man submitted this, as the result of his labors: "Doughnuts fried in lard causes indigestion badly." Another offered this: "Idiot's laugh at Abolitionists, you bet." A third claimed the prize with this effort: "I'd knock the stuffin' outen him, if he was my offspring;" and a young lady was positive it read: "Sparkling Sunday nights is a wholesome occupation." The owner of the note was Chairman of a lecture committee in 1870 and the hieroglyphics when translated by an expert read: "I do not intend to lecture this winter. Yrs., &c., H. Greeley."—[Norristown Herald.]

THE COMPOSING ROOM.—Very few people know why the room in which a newspaper is made up is called a composing room. The following explains it: After the paper goes to press, a copy is brought to the editor, who discovers that four or five typographical errors in his leading article not only make him say exactly what he didn't intend to say, but arouses a suspicion in the minds of his readers that he must have been under the influence of liquor when he wrote it. He rushes forth, with blood in his eyes and murder in his heart, and denounces every body, from the foreman down to the "devil." It is to the composed manner in which his reviling is received by the Intelligent Printer that the term "composing room" is attributed.—[Rochester Express.]

A Dog and his Tail fell into a dispute as to which should wag the other. An itinerant Wasp passing that way casually remarked: Speaking of Tails reminds me that I possess one which may possibly be influential enough to wag you both." This fable teaches that ten cents' worth of dynamite is a bigger man than a church steeple.

Rotation in the garden is as necessary as in the field. Different kinds of vegetables require different kinds of food. While manuring will help much, it is in every way desirable to reverse the order of planting every year. Better crops will result.

Here is a hint for potato-growers. A man used one quart of sawdust in each hill of potatoes in one plot and none in another. The sawdust hills yielded nearly twice as much as the others and the tubers were larger and smoother.

A new religious society of cranks calling themselves "The Pentecost Band," has been organized at New Richmond, Ohio. The fall in fits and claim to converse with the Savior.

Prof.: "If you attempt to squeeze any solid body, it will always resist pressure." Class smiles and cites examples of exceptions which prove the rule.—[Columbia Spectator.]

There is a creek several miles from Waynesboro, Ga., which is so highly impregnated with lime that it will take the hair off a horse's leg in passing through it.

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